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In re Application of:

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2004 (the "Office Action"), Applicant offers the following amendments and remarks. By this amendment, claims 1, 19, 29 and 33 have been amended and claims 23, 24, 45, 46, 51, 52 and 53 have been canceled to expedite the prosecution of this matter. Applicant believes that no new matter is introduced by the amendment and the amendments place the claims in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper